

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-70 (Cancelled).

71. (New) A manual toothbrush, comprising:

a handle;

a toothbrush head that is mounted on the handle;

bristle clusters extending along lateral edge regions of a surface on a brushing side of the toothbrush head, said bristle clusters forming a receptacle space such that at least two sides of a tooth can be simultaneously cleaned during the brushing process;

a pivot bearing arranged between the toothbrush head and the handle for pivoting the toothbrush head relative to the handle during the brushing process; and

a spring element arranged between the toothbrush head and the handle such that the spring element is elastically prestressed when the toothbrush head is pivoted during the brushing process, such that the toothbrush head can be moved back into its unpivoted position after the brushing process,

wherein the bearing comprises a pin configured to be disposed in an opening defined by the handle, one end of the spring element being fixed to the toothbrush head and an opposite end of the spring element being supported on the handle by a stopping element, and wherein the spring element comprises a U-shaped member comprising a crosspiece connecting two limbs to one another, the crosspiece being disposed about a guide arbor disposed between the limbs, the pin disposed between the limbs at a spaced apart distance from the guide arbor, and the stopping element engaging free end regions of the limbs.

72. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the stopping element comprises a projection.

73. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein a pivoting axis of the bearing extends transverse to the longitudinal axis of the handle.

74. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein a pivoting range of the toothbrush head relative to the longitudinal axis of the handle is less than 30°.

75. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the bristle clusters are arranged such that inside and outside surfaces of the tooth can be simultaneously brushed.

76. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, further comprising a bristle section protruding from a bottom of the receptacle space.

77. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 76, further comprising a bristle cluster section centered relative to the receptacle space and protruding from a front end of the toothbrush head and over the bristle section protruding from the bottom of the receptacle space.

78. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 77, wherein the surface on the brushing side of the toothbrush head is substantially concave, the surface on the brushing side extending transverse to a longitudinal axis of the handle and including a front bristle cluster section arranged on an extension centrally aligned with and adjoining the front end of the toothbrush head.

79. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the receptacle space is open toward the end of the handle opposite the toothbrush head.

80. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the pin is disposed within the opening, and a free end of the pin is plastically deformed to secure the pin to the handle.

81. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the spring element comprises one or more members selected from the group consisting of a leaf spring and a rod spring.

82. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the spring element extends essentially linearly, one end of the spring element being fixed to the handle and an opposite end of the spring element being fixed to the toothbrush head.

83. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, further comprising an intermediate carrier, the toothbrush head adapted to be fixed on the intermediate carrier, the spring element extending essentially linearly, one end of the spring element being secured to the handle and an opposite end of the spring element being secured to the intermediate carrier.

84. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the spring element comprises a coil spring.

85. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the spring element comprises one or more elastomeric projections.

86. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed within the recess, and wherein one or more elastomeric projections in the recess are fixed to opposing sides of the stopping element.

87. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed in the recess, the stopping element extending radially outward from either side of the pin, and a plurality of projections within the recess

extending radially inward substantially perpendicular to the stopping element on both sides from the recess toward the pin, and four spring elements arranged between the projections and the stopping element.

88. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein the spring element comprises an elastomeric member connecting the toothbrush head to the handle.

89. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 88, wherein the spring element comprises an injection-molded sleeve disposed on a rear side of the toothbrush head and on a surface of the handle, a journal extending from the rear side of the toothbrush head into sleeve such that the journal being is supported on the surface of the handle.

90. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 89, wherein the handle defines a blind bore, the journal being disposed in the blind bore.

91. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 71, wherein a pivoting axis of the bearing extends at an angle to the longitudinal axis of the handle.

92. (New) A manual toothbrush, comprising:

a handle;

a toothbrush head that is mounted on the handle;

bristle clusters extending along lateral edge regions of a surface on a brushing side of the toothbrush head, said bristle clusters forming a receptacle space such that at least two sides of a tooth can be simultaneously cleaned during the brushing process;

a pivot bearing arranged between the toothbrush head and the handle for pivoting the toothbrush head relative to the handle during the brushing process; and

a spring element arranged between the toothbrush head and the handle such that the spring element is elastically prestressed when the toothbrush head is pivoted during the brushing

process, such that the toothbrush head can be moved back into its unpivoted position after the brushing process,

wherein the bearing comprises a pin configured to be disposed in an opening defined by the handle, one end of the spring element being fixed to the handle and an opposite end of the spring element being supported on the toothbrush head by a stopping element, and wherein the spring element comprises a U-shaped member comprising a crosspiece connecting two limbs to one another, the crosspiece being disposed about a guide arbor disposed between the limbs, the pin disposed between the limbs at a spaced apart distance from the guide arbor, and the stopping element engaging free end regions of the limbs.

93. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 92, wherein the stopping element comprises a projection.

94. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 92, wherein the pin is disposed within the opening, and a free end of the pin is plastically deformed to secure the pin to the handle.

95. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 92, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed within the recess, and wherein one or more elastomeric projections in the recess are fixed to opposing sides of the stopping element.

96. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 92, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed in the recess, the stopping element extending radially outward from either side of the pin, and a plurality of projections within the recess extending radially inward substantially perpendicular to the stopping element on both sides from the recess toward the pin, and four spring elements arranged between the projections and the stopping element.

97. (New) A manual toothbrush, comprising:

a handle;

a toothbrush head that is mounted on the handle;

bristle clusters extending along lateral edge regions of a surface on a brushing side of the toothbrush head, said bristle clusters forming a receptacle space such that at least two sides of a tooth can be simultaneously cleaned during the brushing process;

a pivot bearing arranged between the toothbrush head and the handle for pivoting the toothbrush head relative to the handle during the brushing process; and

a spring element arranged between the toothbrush head and the handle such that the spring element is elastically prestressed when the toothbrush head is pivoted during the brushing process, such that the toothbrush head can be moved back into its unpivoted position after the brushing process,

wherein the bearing comprises a pin configured to be disposed in an opening defined by the toothbrush head, one end of the spring element being fixed to the toothbrush head and an opposite end of the spring element being supported on the handle by a stopping element, and wherein the spring element comprises a U-shaped member comprising a crosspiece connecting two limbs to one another, the crosspiece being disposed about a guide arbor disposed between the limbs, the pin disposed between the limbs at a spaced apart distance from the guide arbor, and the stopping element engaging free end regions of the limbs.

98. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 97, wherein the stopping element comprises a projection.

99. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 97, wherein the pin is disposed within the opening, and a free end of the pin is plastically deformed to secure the pin to the handle.

100. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 97, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed within the recess, and wherein one or more elastomeric projections in the recess are fixed to opposing sides of the stopping element.

101. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 97, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed in the recess, the stopping element extending radially outward from either side of the pin, and a plurality of projections within the recess extending radially inward substantially perpendicular to the stopping element on both sides from the recess toward the pin, and four spring elements arranged between the projections and the stopping element.